

HOUSE BILL NO. 430

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GRANTS TO CERTAIN MONTANA MUNICIPALITIES FOR COURTESY CARS; SETTING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COURTESY CAR PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Purpose. (1) The purpose of [sections 1 through 4] is to provide grants to municipalities for courtesy cars at certain Montana airports where rental cars OR TAXICABS are not available.

(2) The purpose of the program is to provide the airport users with ground transportation for short-term use between the airport and the local trading or recreation area.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Definitions. As used in [sections 1 through 4], the following definitions apply:

(1) "Airport" means an airport and landing field, as defined in 67-1-101, that does not have commercial automobile rental services available. The term includes a regional airport authority or municipal airport authority as defined in 67-1-101.

(2) "Courtesy car" means a motor vehicle provided by, and titled in the name of, a municipality for the purposes and pursuant to the conditions set out in [sections 1 through 4].

(3) (a) "User" means an airplane pilot or an airplane passenger who flies into an airport.

(b) The term does not include local residents or airport personnel.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Use of courtesy cars at airports -- department responsibilities. (1) Upon the request of a municipality, the department may provide grant money from the department's special revenue account for courtesy cars for use at qualified airports, as provided in [sections 1 through 4].

(2) A courtesy car grant may not be given to a municipality if commercial rental cars OR TAXICABS

1 are available that provide service to local airports.

2 (3) The department may adopt necessary rules, pursuant to its authority in 67-2-102, to provide
3 courtesy car grants, including rules regarding the receipt and review of grant applications.

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Responsibilities and obligations of municipality.** (1) A municipality may
6 apply to the department for a grant to provide courtesy car services at a qualified airport. The municipality
7 may procure a sponsor and assign the sponsor to a qualified airport to manage the municipality's courtesy
8 car program. A sponsor may be a fixed base operator, an airport manager, or other responsible party. The
9 municipality shall ensure that the local sponsor is familiar with and complies with all conditions of the
10 courtesy car program.

11 (2) A municipality may not provide a courtesy car for use by local residents or airport personnel.

12 (3) A courtesy car may be used only between the airport and the local trading or recreation area.
13 Travel in a courtesy car across the state line or beyond the local trading or recreation area is prohibited.

14 (4) (A) The municipality shall procure liability insurance to protect itself and the department from
15 risk of loss. Liability insurance limits must be a minimum of ~~\$1 million per person and \$2 million per~~
16 ~~occurrence~~ \$750,000 FOR EACH CLAIM AND \$1.5 MILLION FOR EACH OCCURRENCE, AS PROVIDED IN 2-9-108. The
17 department must be named as an additional insured.

18 (B) CLAIMS AND ACTIONS AGAINST THE SPONSOR ARE SUBJECT TO AND ARE GOVERNED BY TITLE 2, CHAPTER
19 9, PART 3.

20 (5) A courtesy car may not be used unless the municipality or the sponsor has obtained
21 certification that the user has personal motor vehicle liability insurance coverage as required in 61-6-301.

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23 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 through 4] are intended to be
24 codified as an integral part of Title 67, and the provisions of Title 67 apply to [sections 1 through 4].

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26 NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2001.

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